

REMARKS

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's determination that claims 2-10 contain allowable subject matter (Office Action, dated August 6, 2003, page 3, lines 3-5).

The specification has been amended to add section headings in accordance with MPEP 608.01(a), and to correct a typographical error.

Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 2; therefore, claim 1 as amended has the same scope as claim 2 as originally filed. Claims 3, 5, 6 and 8-10 have been amended to improved grammar, and these amendments have no limiting effect on claim scope. Claim 3 has been amended to depend upon claim 1.

New claim 11 incorporates the subject matter of claims 1 and 2, but has a different scope than claim 1. Claims 12-19 all depend directly or indirectly upon claim 11. Claims 12-19 recite subject matter similar to claims 3-10, respectively.

The present amendment adds no new matter to the application.

Conclusion

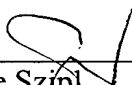
Claim 1 as amended now incorporates the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Claims 3-10 depend directly, or indirectly, upon claim 1. Therefore, claims 1 and 3-10 are allowable. New claim 11 also incorporates the allowable subject matter of claims 1 and 2, although claim 11 is believed to have a broader scope than claim 1. New claims 12-19 depend directly, or indirectly, upon claim 11. Therefore, claims 11-19 are allowable.

For all of the above reasons, claims 1 and 3-19 are in condition for allowance and a prompt notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Questions are welcomed by the below signed attorney for the Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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